

Primetime? What Time Is The Right Time?

Here at the Church of England we love **Jesus**, we love **Each Other** and we love **Norfolk Island**.

This year, for these reasons, we recommitted ourselves to ensuring that there would always be an attractive, vibrant and missional Sunday ministry operating from the “Pitcairner’s Church” in Kingston.

Under God’s good hand, the combining our first Sunday of the month services has led to some significant times of ministry and fellowship. Since then, the Parish Council has been discussing a way to standardise our service times across our two locations as we go forward. **Please see our proposed times here:**



Our Thinking So Far

1. We want to start our services at a time that will be easily remembered by our guests.

9am and 5pm are easy to remember. We are conditioned to think of important things starting on the hour.

2. We don’t want to make potential visitors play a guessing game about our service times.

Whatever service times we decide to use, we’d like to be consistent. We’d like to make sure the times are posted correctly everywhere. I always double check service times before attending a church I haven’t been to before and I appreciate when a church makes this information easy to find for a first-timer.

3. We believe that people who are not in the habit of attending church are more likely to come a little later in the morning, rather than wake up earlier than they do on a week day. We want to be church where our friends, our children and our grandchildren love to attend.

Young families have more time to get the kids ready. Older families have more time to get ready. We also anticipate this may be a better time for our guests. Anecdotal evidence suggests that we have missed out on visitors because 8.30am is too early for holidays.

4. It needs to be early enough that we can still get to work / sport / a meal / sabbath rest.

Increasingly, churches are holding their morning service between 9.30am and 10.30am. Nevertheless, in our context we felt that was better to be on the early side of later.

Why Bother?

- *Because we imagine a church that our kids and grandkids want to come to.*
- *Because we want to be a church our friends love to attend.*
- *Because we want to be a place where people who don't feel welcome today feel welcome tomorrow.*
- *Because we love Christ and the island for which he died.*
- *Because we have a passion for those who don't yet know Christ.*

Ultimately, we hope to make helpful changes by seizing the day with passion and focus.

For Your Prayers

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." **African Proverb**

Though we have sought to present these matters as clearly as possible, we understand that you will want to think over these things and take them to the Lord in prayer. If you have a suggestion that could help the Parish Council we'd be very please to hear from you.

Will you join us in praying that we'd be a church that is growing in our love for Jesus, for each other and for our island!

O, come let us



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adore Him...



Children's Nativity

@ St Barnabas Chapel,
8.30am, Sunday 23rd

Lessons and Carols

@ St Barnabas Chapel,
4.30pm, Sunday 23rd

Christmas Eve

@ St Barnabas Chapel
11.00pm, Monday 24th

Christmas Day

@ All Saints Kingston
10.00am, Tuesday 25th

Christmas Services At The Church Of England